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Renovation Projects Provide Opportunities for Small, Women and Minority-owned Businesses ~ Virginia Holds Outreach Forum for the Renovation of the Finance & Washington Buildings ~

RICHMOND, VA – The renovation of Virginia's Finance and Washington buildings, located in Capitol Square, will provide numerous job opportunities for Small, Women and Minority-owned (SWAM) businesses.

The Virginia Department of General Services (DGS), working in conjunction with the project's developer, Trammell Crow Company and its construction manager, DPR Construction, Inc., will host a Small, Women and Minority-owned Business Outreach Forum for the renovation of the Finance and Washington buildings. The forum will be held Monday, June 28 in the first floor auditorium of the Pocahontas Building located at 900 East Main Street in Richmond, Virginia. There will be two sessions; the first session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second session will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public parking will be available at the corner of Ninth Street and Bank Street.

"This forum is set-up to let businesses know about the job opportunities available with this project," said James T. Roberts, Director of the Department of General Services. "A project like this will create many jobs for SWAM businesses and provide them an opportunity to take part in preserving Virginia's history."

The DGS is aiming to maximize participation from SWAM businesses. For the 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2004, DGS reported 25 percent of its spend from procurement transactions was with SWAM businesses. Success of gaining SWAM participation has been achieved on the restoration of the Old State Library by reaching more than 15 percent participation. A SWAM outreach forum has already been held for the Capitol Restoration and Extension Project and the DGS will continue to inform the business community of the many upcoming economic opportunities.

The Finance Building's \$26 million renovation includes re-pointing of brick, repairing cornices, and preserving original elements of the building such as the main lobby grand staircase, handmade mosaic tiles, and wood windows. The Washington Building's \$15 million renovation includes replacing all exterior windows and demolishing and replacing all interior materials and systems. Upon completion of the Finance Building in summer 2005, renovation of the Washington Building will begin and is scheduled to be completed in December 2006.

Trammell Crow Company will serve as the Developer and DPR Construction, Inc. will serve as the General Contractor. Trammell Crow Company is one of the largest diversified commercial real estate service companies in the United States with offices across the nation and in Canada, Europe, Asia and Latin/South America. DPR Construction, Inc. is one of the nation's leading commercial contractors/construction managers. With offices across the United States, DPR specializes in technically challenging and sustainable projects and has been recognized for its innovative approaches to complex projects.

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This forum is an opportunity for SWAM businesses to learn more about these projects and meet with the DGS, Trammell Crow, and DPR team responsible for completing these projects. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, contact Johnson, Inc. at 804-644-8515 or email sfowler@johnsonmarketing.com.

For more information about construction and renovation of the Finance building or about other improvements in Capitol Square log on to www.dgs.virginia.gov.

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